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ADDED TO SOCIETY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

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COMING INTO FOCUS

Our vision for the Kentucky Historical Society is to be the recognized leader in helping people understand, cherish, and share Kentucky’s stories. In this issue of the Kentucky Historical Society *Chronicle*, you’ll see that vision coming into focus. We hope you enjoy the new *Chronicle* format.

KHS is already at work helping people understand Kentucky’s Abraham Lincoln. You’ll discover what we are doing to present the nation’s 16th president from Kentucky’s unique and complex perspective. Over the next two years, the Kentucky Historical Society will present programs and exhibitions that reveal Lincoln’s lifelong and sometimes tempestuous links to Kentuckians and the commonwealth in which he was born.

In this issue, we also spotlight several new exciting acquisitions to the Kentucky Historical Society Collections and thank those who have entrusted these Kentucky treasures to the Kentucky Historical Society’s care.

We also feature a rare behind-the-scenes opportunity for you to see how we actually process and cherish the recently acquired Churchill Weavers Collection. Our new preservation exhibition, *Magic in the Weaving: The Churchill Weavers Collection Revealed* opened on May 10 in the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History’s Keeneland

Changing Exhibits Gallery. Visitors can watch as our collections professionals examine, document, and process portions of the 250,000-item Churchill Weavers collection the Kentucky Historical Society was able to rescue in May 2007.

On June 7, our members and friends are invited to the annual Boone Day event to see and hear the dramatic story of how the Churchill Weavers collection was saved for the commonwealth by resourceful and generous Kentuckians.

We also offer you a pictorial review of the September 2007 Kentucky Folklife Festival, one of the many ways the Kentucky Folklife Program presents Kentucky’s rich arts, cultural, occupational, and recreational traditions. When you see these images, we hope you will sense the living traditions the Kentucky Folklife program continues to document and share.

Our goal is to realize a bold vision for Kentucky history as we provide connections to the past, perspective on the present, and inspiration for the future.

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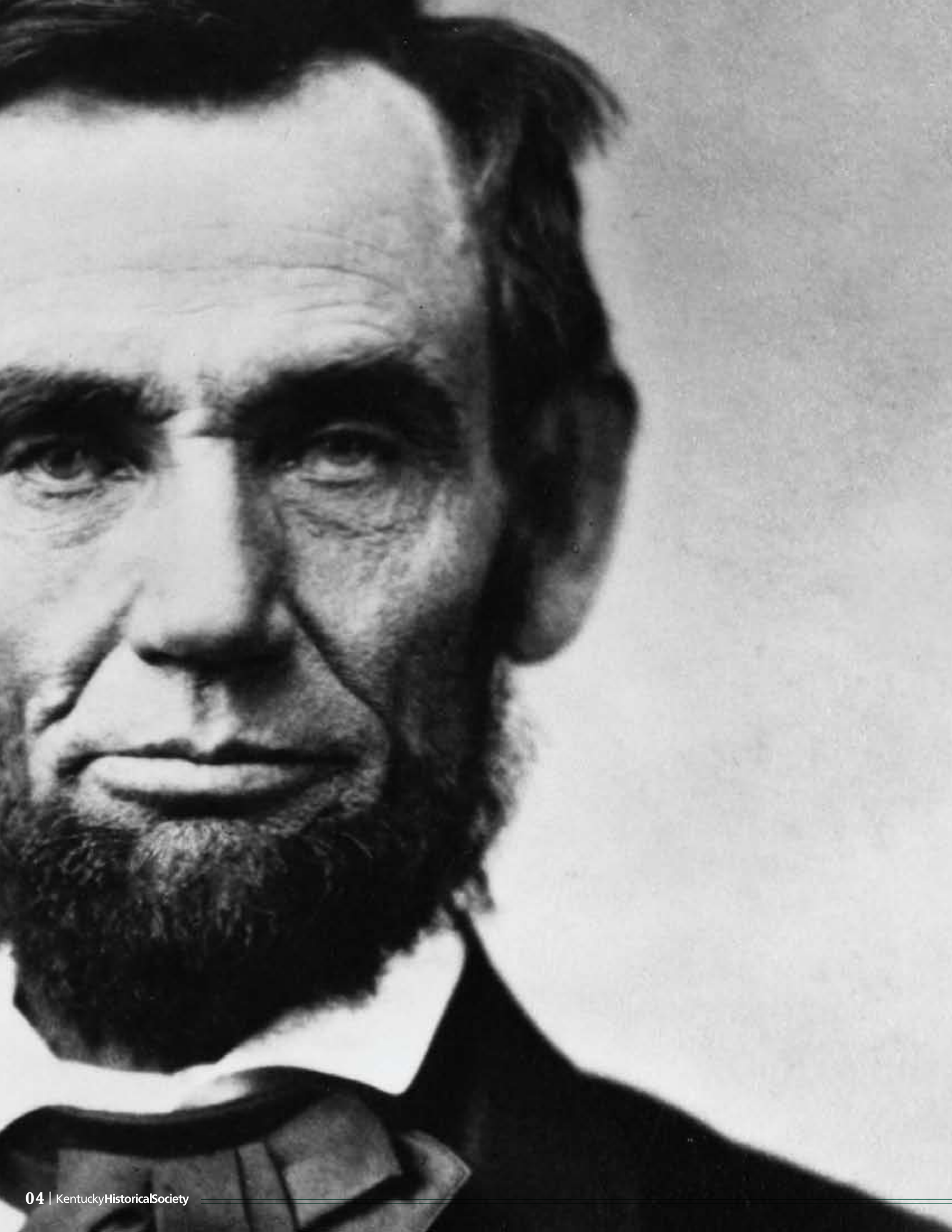
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Discovering ★ **KENTUCKY'S** ★ **ABRAHAM LINCOLN**

*A*braham Lincoln may be America's most famous and celebrated historical figure. Yet many do not know that Lincoln was born in Kentucky and that he and his family had strong Kentucky connections long after they moved out of state. Lincoln's parents, wife, in-laws, and many of his friends, business associates, law partners, political mentors, and rivals were Kentuckians.

As part of the nation's two-year Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commemoration, the Kentucky Historical Society presents Kentucky's Abraham Lincoln and his relationship to his native state and his fellow Kentuckians.

On the pages that follow, you will discover the variety of Kentucky's Abraham Lincoln experiences the Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) and its partners are delivering throughout the commonwealth. For updates and more information, visit history.ky.gov/lincoln.

A new HistoryMobile exhibit, “Kentucky’s Abraham Lincoln,” began its statewide tour February 12, 2008. Throughout the two-year bicentennial period, this traveling exhibit will reach tens of thousands of visitors at venues throughout the commonwealth.

This 300-square-foot exhibit inside a tractor-trailer includes touchable objects, images, audio clips, video, and interactive elements that appeal to a variety of learners. Visitors can explore Lincoln’s frontier childhood, his career path from log house to the White House, and his struggles to end slavery and lead the nation through the Civil War.

The Kentucky Historical Society’s research and interpretation team continues to expand the knowledge about Kentucky’s Abraham Lincoln. In 2009, an issue of KHS’s scholarly journal, *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, will focus on Lincoln.

KHS scholars and editors have also produced “Kentucky’s Abraham Lincoln Facts,” 60 short essays on Lincoln’s Kentucky connections. One of these essays was presented to legislators each day of the 2008 General Assembly session. They are also published and distributed online at history.ky.gov/lincoln as resources for the media and general public.

This summer, KHS and the Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission (KALBC), will present “The Contested Legacy of Jefferson Davis,” an academic symposium on June 27, 2008, at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History. The event focuses on the president of the Confederate States of America and Kentucky native during the 200th anniversary year of his birth. The keynote speaker is Civil War scholar and author William J. Cooper Jr., of Louisiana State University, author of *Jefferson Davis, American* (2000) as well as other works on slavery and the South. Two topical panels, “Jefferson Davis and the Civil War” and “Jefferson Davis and Lost Cause Memory” will be presented with a roundtable discussion on ways to interpret issues related to this period in Kentucky museums and historic sites.

The “Kentucky’s Abraham Lincoln” experience will also be featured at the 2008 State Fair educational exhibit area August 14-24. The HistoryMobile, educational and children’s programming, family-history presentations, and more will be available for school groups and the general public in the South Wing exhibition hall of the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville.

New five-panel portable exhibits, part of KHS’s “museums-to-go” program, will also debut at the state fair. In the fall, these portable exhibits on Lincoln will appear around the commonwealth at Kentucky’s Lincoln sites, and are available for other community venues throughout the state.

The Kentucky Historical Society will present the state’s signature bicentennial exhibition entitled, *Beyond the Log Cabin: Kentucky’s Abraham Lincoln*, on October 20, 2008. *Beyond the Log Cabin* will remain on exhibit through June 6, 2009, in the Keeneland Changing Exhibits Gallery at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History.

Through engaging imagery, artifacts, and hands-on activities, this major exhibition presents the story of Lincoln’s lifelong engagement with Kentucky and Kentuckians. Taking a broad view of how Lincoln has been remembered in Kentucky, the *Beyond the Log Cabin* exhibition examines the complex relationship between Abraham Lincoln and his native state in an effort to deepen our understanding of this extraordinary, yet ordinary, man and the state that reluctantly came to embrace him.



The Kentucky Historical Society has contracted with Gallagher & Associates, a Washington D.C.-based professional design services firm to design the *Beyond the Log Cabin* exhibition. Gallagher & Associates is known for its work with the Smithsonian Institution, Gettysburg National Military Park and Visitors Center, the Jamestown Settlement Museum, and other venues.

Two other venues will also host the *Beyond the Log Cabin* exhibition. It will be presented at the Speed Art Museum in Louisville, June 28- September 6, 2009, and the Highlands Museum & Discovery Center in Ashland, October 2, 2009 to February 19, 2010.

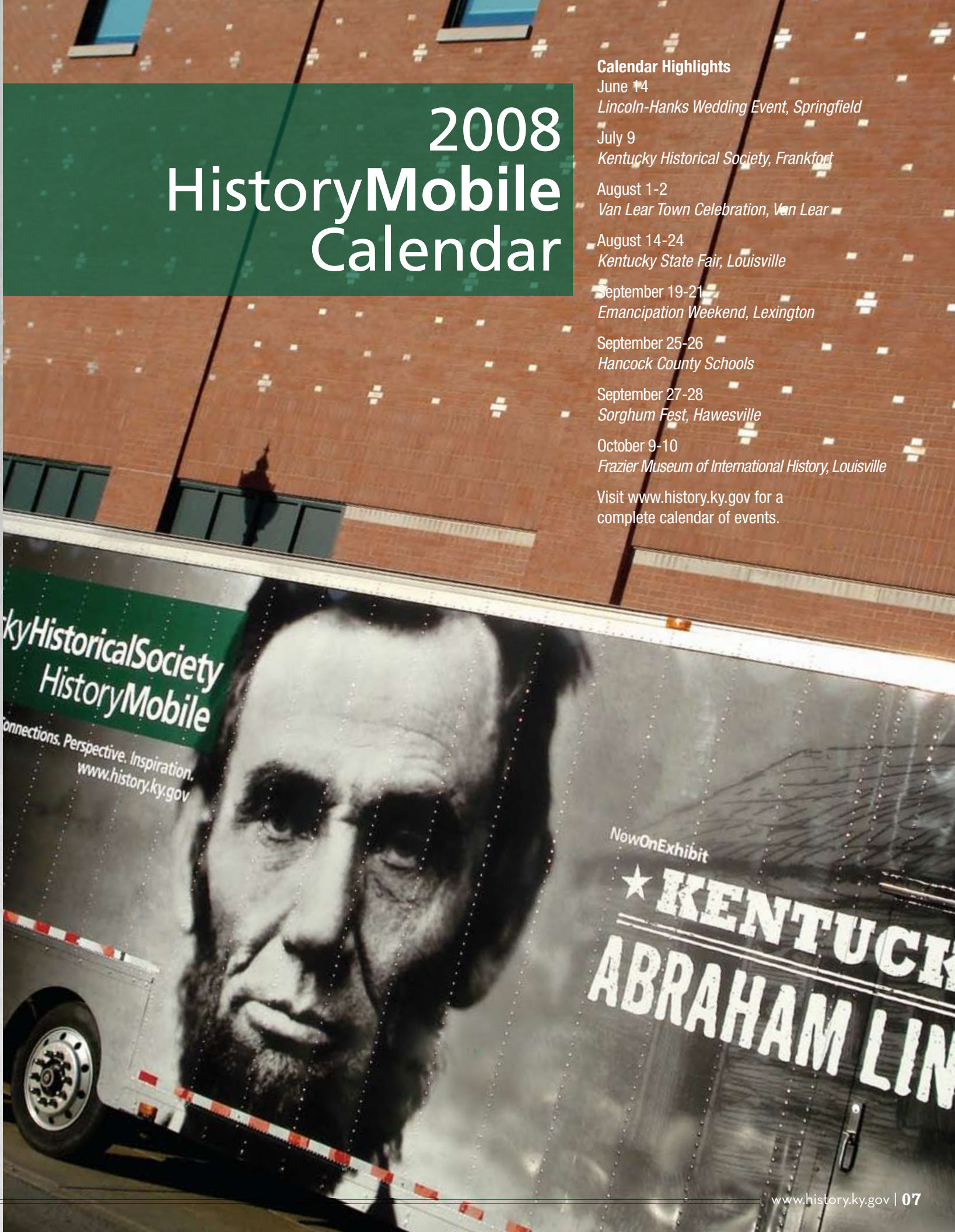
Beyond the Log Cabin: Kentucky’s Abraham Lincoln is made possible through funding provided to the Kentucky Historical Society Foundation from the James Graham Brown Foundation.

For more information, visit history.ky.gov/exhibitions.

2008 HistoryMobile Calendar

- Calendar Highlights**
- June 14
Lincoln-Hanks Wedding Event, Springfield
 - July 9
Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort
 - August 1-2
Van Lear Town Celebration, Van Lear
 - August 14-24
Kentucky State Fair, Louisville
 - September 19-21
Emancipation Weekend, Lexington
 - September 25-26
Hancock County Schools
 - September 27-28
Sorghum Fest, Hawesville
 - October 9-10
Frazier Museum of International History, Louisville

Visit www.history.ky.gov for a complete calendar of events.



KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PARTNERSHIPS

- The Kentucky Historical Society is a very active partner with Kentucky Educational Television in presenting “Lincoln: I, Too, Am a Kentuckian” *A Kentucky Life* Special which debuted in March. For more information, visit www.ket.org.
- The Kentucky Historical Society partnered with the Kentucky Heritage Council and the Kentucky Department of Tourism to redevelop the Kentucky Lincoln Heritage Trail. The trail includes nearly 30 interpretive panels and several hundred directional signs located in twelve Kentucky communities. To learn more, visit www.kylincolntrail.com.
- The Kentucky Historical Society worked with the Louisville Waterfront Development Corporation to create a new state memorial to Abraham Lincoln. As part of a \$2-million project, noted Kentucky artist and KHS board member Ed Hamilton is creating a new bronze statue of Lincoln and four bas-relief panels to be placed on the Louisville Waterfront. To learn more, visit www.edhamiltonworks.com.
- Additional KHS Lincoln partners include the Kentucky Arts Council, Kentucky Department of Tourism, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, and the Kentucky Humanities Council, Inc.

KHS AND THE KENTUCKY ABRAHAM LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION



By executive order, the Kentucky Historical Society is the administrative agency of the Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. Under the direction of KALBC cochairs, Senator Dan Kelly and Judge-Executive Tommy Turner, KHS and its staff provide administrative and budgetary oversight, public relations and marketing support, and coordination of research and Lincoln related activities statewide. For more information about the commission and Lincoln-related programming in Kentucky, visit kylincoln.org.



The Kentucky Historical Society is one of four granting agencies of the KALBC. As part of this initiative, KHS awards minigrants of up to \$500 and major grants from \$501-\$5000 to communities, organizations, museums, and historic sites in Kentucky. Competitive grant projects to date include:

Northern Kentucky University, Chase College of Law - “Abraham Lincoln’s Law Career,” a symposium sponsored by the Northern Kentucky Law Review

Somerset Community College - “Lincoln’s Lasting Legacy in Kentucky: An Educational Exploration”

Belle of Louisville - One Man’s Lincoln: A Biographical Play Performed on board the historic Steamboat Belle of Louisville

City of Greensburg - “Lincoln’s Connection to Greensburg and Green County”

Historic Russellville, Inc. - “Lincoln’s Loyalists in Logan County: Blakey, Burbridge and Bailey”

Lexington Philharmonic Society, Inc. - “Discovery Series: Lincoln - The Man, the Music, and the Legacy”

Stage One Children’s Theatre - “The Lincoln Project”

Forkland Community Center - “Roots, Trunk, and Branches: Abraham Lincoln’s Connections to the Forkland Community”

Hardin County History Museum -”Operation Online with Lincoln”

James Harrod Trust - “James Harrod Trust’s Cemetery Tour”

Northern Kentucky University Research Foundation - “Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Lecture Series”

Stephen Foster Drama Association, Inc. - “The Civil War: Communicating History Through Music”

Kentucky State University: “The Life and Story of Abraham Lincoln from Kentucky to the White House”

The Filson Historical Society: “Lincoln’s Kentucky”

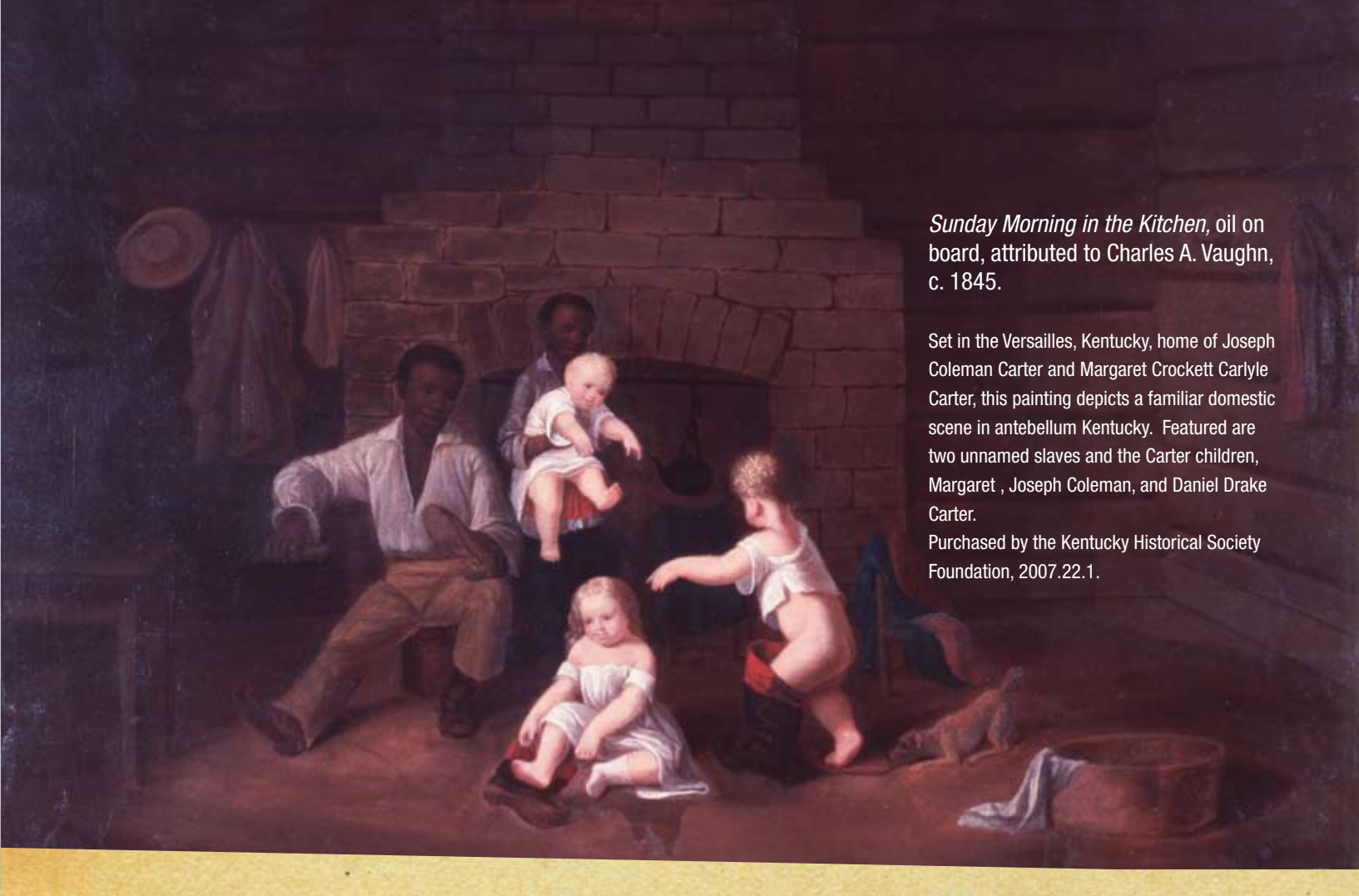
McLean County Fiscal Court: “McLean County’s Kentucky Tribute to Lincoln’s Union”

Todd County Fiscal Court: “Abraham Lincoln & Jefferson Davis: Contrasts, Commonalities and Conversations”

Kentucky Book Fair, Inc.: “27th Annual Kentucky Book Fair”

Bluegrass Railroad Museum, Inc.: “Abraham Lincoln: Rail Splitter, Rail Rider”

For applications and more information, visit history.ky.gov/grants.



Sunday Morning in the Kitchen, oil on board, attributed to Charles A. Vaughn, c. 1845.

Set in the Versailles, Kentucky, home of Joseph Coleman Carter and Margaret Crockett Carlyle Carter, this painting depicts a familiar domestic scene in antebellum Kentucky. Featured are two unnamed slaves and the Carter children, Margaret , Joseph Coleman, and Daniel Drake Carter. Purchased by the Kentucky Historical Society Foundation, 2007.22.1 .

KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTIONS

Featured Acquisitions

The collections of the Kentucky Historical Society continue to grow. By 2007, more than 500,000 items and artifacts had been collected and processed under the watchful care of KHS registrars, curators, and archivists.

With the addition last May of the Churchill Weavers collection, including an estimated 250,000 documents and artifacts, the KHS staff is working diligently to process and properly store these items in the Kentucky Historical Society.

Our special collections and curatorial professionals are committed to cherishing Kentucky’s treasures. KHS is also working to make its collections increasingly accessible to the public through our exhibitions, educational programs, publications, library, Special Collections reading

room, and online digital collections catalog at www.history.ky.gov. We appreciate those who have donated to our collections (see page 12) or who have provided funding for acquisitions through their gifts to the Kentucky Historical Society Foundation.

On the pages that follow we present a few recent acquisitions that help us fulfill our mission to provide connections to the past, perspective on the present, and inspiration for the future.

MUSEUM COLLECTIONS,
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

KENTUCKY ORAL HISTORY
COMMISSION PROJECTS

Record album, **The Ledford Family:
Songs We Love to Sing & Play, 1972**

This album was recorded by Homer Ledford and his daughters, Julia and Cindy. Ledford, a well-known luthier and bluegrass musician, lived in Winchester, Kentucky. As a musician, he played both nationally and internationally as a solo artist and with the Cabin Creek Band.

Donated by Lea Vanderboom, 2007.44

Governor Ernie Fletcher's official portrait, 2007

Each governor's official portrait is added to our collection at the end of his or her term, a practice that dates to the early days of the Society. Painted by John Michael Carter, Governor Ernie Fletcher's portrait was added to the collection in December 2007.

*Donated by Division of Historic Properties,
Commonwealth of Kentucky, 2007.37*

**Sallie A. Hert's Republican National Party
Convention badge, 1932**

Sallie Hert rose to vice chairman of the Republican National Committee in the early 1920s. In 1932, Mrs. Hert seconded the nomination of President Hoover on "behalf of my own great State of Kentucky [and] also on behalf of the women of the Republican Party." *Donated by Sarah (Mrs. Benjamin) Few, 2007.29*

Colonel Frank L. Wolford Presentation Sword, 1864

This sword was presented to Colonel Frank Lane Wolford, First Kentucky (Union) Cavalry, "by the loyal citizens of Garrard County" in March 1864. About the same time, Wolford was dishonorably discharged and jailed for opposing Abraham Lincoln's war time policies.

Kentucky Historical Society Purchase, 2007.41

Calk Family Collection*, Addendum

This collection includes diaries, scrapbooks, pamphlets, rare books, letters, manuscripts, postcards, and photographs focusing primarily on the women of the Calk family. Also included are letters of Clarence Calk, an African American whose parents were slaves on the Calk farm.

Donated by the Calk Family, 2006.

Photo caption: Catherine Calk McCarty, 1937. She was the first woman from Dawson County, Montana, to serve as a representative in the Montana Legislature (1923-1925).

Nena Shelton Papers *

This collection includes documents and objects related to the military career of Nena Shelton, who served both in the Philippines and in Europe. She was one of the first women to serve in the United States Army Nurse Corps.

Donated by Lucy Chapman, 2006

Photo caption: Nena Shelton in nurse's uniform, ca. 1916. 2007M04

Paul P. Price Collection*

This collection contains photographs from the Spanish-American War, including images of landscapes, buildings, monuments, soldiers, civilians from Camp Conrad in Savannah, Georgia, and Camp Turman Launion in Cuba. Second Lieutenant Paul P. Price, of Madisonville, Kentucky, served as an officer in the 1st Battalion, 3rd Kentucky Volunteers, during the Spanish-American War.

Donated by Anne P. Cummings, 2006

Photo caption: Two unidentified Spanish-American War soldiers stand in front of regimental and American flags. 1898.2007PH04

Kalman Papp Collection

This collection contains photographs, negatives, and photographic equipment from Kalman Papp, a photographer for the Kentucky Department of Public Information from 1961 until 1994. The Hungarian-born, anti-Communist freedom fighter emigrated to the United States, having fled the Soviet takeover of his homeland in 1956.

Donated by Gabor Papp, assisted by Gerald Diemer

Photo credit: 2006.053x_Junk on Ky. River Chinese junk on the Kentucky River

World War II Veterans of Kentucky Oral History Project

Late in 2007, KET (Kentucky Educational Television) partnered with the Kentucky Oral History Commission to conduct 30 oral histories with surviving Kentucky WWII veterans in conjunction with the release of the PBS documentary, *The War*. Adding to over 100 WWII interviews already housed with the Commission at the KHS.

Photo caption: Unidentified soldier in a muddy field in the South Pacific, ca. 1943

Robert Schulman Interviews

As a newspaper reporter, feature writer, and staff correspondent for *Time*, *Life*, and *Sports Illustrated* magazines, Robert Schulman's Kentucky career began in the late 1960s reporting for Bingham family-owned media outlets. Three months before the 2008 death of Schulman, Len Press conducted 11 hours of interviews with the retired journalist.

Interviews conducted by Len Press, with a technical assistance grant from the Kentucky Oral History Commission

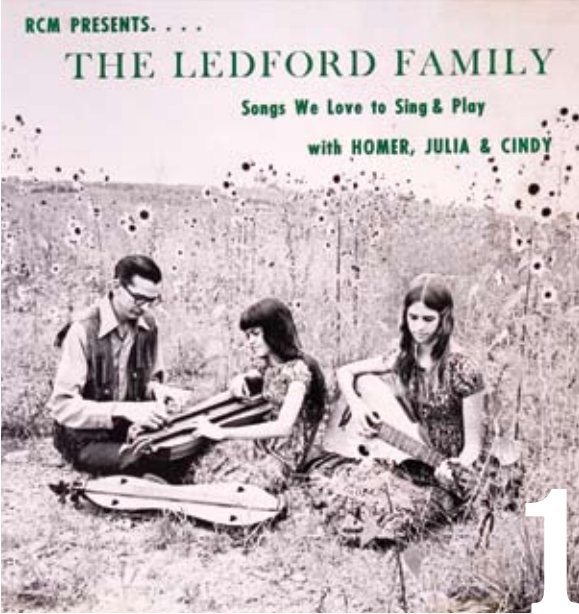
Photo credit: Robert Schulman

Edward F. Prichard Jr. Oral History Project

One of the state's most influential leaders in politics and education, Edward F. Prichard Jr. and his associates discuss Prichard family history and politics, Bourbon County, Prichard's interest in the law, race relations, Franklin D. Roosevelt, the New Deal, Kentucky following World War II, desegregation, television and politics, Kentucky governors, state universities, the U. S. Senate election of 1962, and lobbyists in state government. Transcripts of these interviews are available. *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* featured selected interviews with Prichard in its Volume 104, Numbers 3 & 4 edition. *Interviews conducted by Vic Hellard, 1982-1984. Collection released to the public, 2006.*

Photo Caption: Edward F. Prichard Jr. speaking in 1966 before the state constitutional assembly at the Old State Capitol. (Courtesy of the Prichard Family)

*This collection is available on the Kentucky Historical Society's Digital Collections catalog.



KHS INCREASES
RESOURCES
DEVOTED TO DIGITAL
COLLECTIONS

The Kentucky Historical Society is significantly increasing its efforts to make more of its collections available online in its Digital Collections Catalog. As of March 1, 2008, the Special Collections Reading Room hours have been shortened to allow staff more hours to process, catalog, and digitize collections for inclusion in the online catalog.

The Special Collections Reading Room is now open to walk-in researchers from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET Thursdays and Fridays and by appointment on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The Reading Room is closed Saturday-Monday.

The KHS Digital Collections Catalog provides access to the five collections managed by special collections (manuscripts, maps, oral history, photographs, and rare books) as well as the collections of the KHS museums and library. The Martin F. Schmidt Library will shorten its public hours in the fall to give staff more time to provide library resources online as well.

“KHS collections staff are excited about the realigning of current resources in order to better serve our patrons,” says Gretchen Haney, KHS director of special collections and reference services. “By accelerating the processing and digitization of collections we can increase access to KHS collections to our patrons wherever they may live.”

KHS Special Collections document most major issues in Kentucky history, as well as the day-to-day lives of Kentuckians. In addition to online access in the Digital Collections Catalog at the KHS Web site (history.ky.gov), researchers can access the Society’s special collections by visiting the Center or by submitting a reference request form also available on the Web site.

Admission to the KHS Special Collections Reading Room is free and open to the public. To make appointments, or for more information about the Society's special collections, call 502-564-1792, ext. 4470.

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July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007

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Kentucky Vietnam Veterans
Memorial Fund
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Donor Spotlight: Richard Carl Brown

Leaving a Legacy of a Life Well Lived



Richard C. Brown, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin, was not a native Kentuckian. He and his wife, Genevieve Canty Brown, moved to

Danville, Kentucky, in the early 1980s after Richard completed a 27-year teaching career as a historian at Buffalo State College in New York. The couple quickly became active in local and state cultural endeavors. Dr. Brown joined the governing board of the Kentucky Historical Society. He led the Danville-Boyle County Historical Society and authored several books and articles about the history of the community. As a historian, he worked to ensure that the story of his adopted Kentucky home was cherished and passed on to future generations.

On December 7, 2007, at the age of 90, Richard Brown passed away in Danville. Yet, he made sure that an organization and a cause he loved, such as preserving and sharing Kentucky's history, will continue to receive his financial support. Thanks to a bequest from Dr. Brown's estate, the Kentucky Historical Society will receive a significant gift later in 2008 to continue the work that gave Dr. Brown a sense of purpose and joy.



Staff Spotlight-Julianne Sutter

Julianne Sutter, former director of development at the Girl Scouts-Wilderness Road Council, Lexington, Kentucky, joins the Kentucky Historical Society Foundation as annual fund coordinator.

“She brings a tremendous base of skills and experience to the position,” commented Jim Wallace, KHS Foundation executive director. “Her annual giving leadership coupled with her communications and marketing background is truly a dynamic combination for our young program.”

Ms. Sutter's former positions include director of annual giving at American University Washington College of Law; associate director of annual giving at Albion College, Michigan, and project and communication coordinator at Michigan's Children.

Planned gifts such as Richard Brown's bequest, allows individuals of all financial circumstances to support the causes that they love by making gifts of cash or appreciated assets through wills, living trusts, or other arrangements while continuing to meet current income needs and to take advantage of incentives offered under current tax law.

Depending on the asset given and the donor's gift arrangements, planned gifts offer some or all of the following benefits:

- Fulfill your philanthropic goals
- Reduce income tax through deductions for the gift
- Minimize or avoid capital-gain tax on gifts of appreciated property
- Eliminate federal estate tax on property passing to charity
- Reduce the costs and time associated with estate settlements

You too can leave a legacy just as Richard Brown did. Help ensure that future Kentuckians come to know, cherish, and honor their heritage. Contact the Kentucky Historical Society Development Office at 502-564-1792, ext. 4449 to learn more about how you can make a planned gift to ensure Kentucky's history is saved and shared.



DEAR MEMBERS AND DONORS:

Our 2008 Annual Fund Phonathon was a huge success! Your generosity is making the difference! Over a two-week period in January, volunteers phoned approximately 1,400 Kentucky Historical Society members, friends, and donors like you to thank them for their past support and to encourage them to participate in this year's Annual Fund Campaign. As of May 12th, some 291 donors have made gifts and pledges in response to the phonathon, totaling over \$32,495.

Given that this is only the Society's second phonathon, it's wonderful to see how caring and supportive our friends are. Gifts generated by this year's phonathon more than doubled the project goal of \$15,000.

A special thanks goes to those board members of the Kentucky Genealogical Society, the Kentucky Historical Society, and the Kentucky Historical Society Foundation who helped with the effort. More than 75 volunteers staffed the phone bank and provided administrative assistance.

Our 2008 phonathon featured a special challenge-grant initiative launched by the Kentucky Genealogical Society (KGS). The KGS pledged to donate \$1 for every \$2 raised, up to a maximum of \$2,000. The \$4,000 in matching funds was raised and the Genealogical Society has made its \$2,000 gift. The funds will be used to buy additional Kentucky family-history reference materials for the Society's Martin F. Schmidt Research Library at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History.

Those not reached by phone have received a mailing updating them on the status of this year's Annual Fund Campaign and an invitation to the KHS Boone Day donor and member event on Saturday, June 7th.

Our 2008 Annual Fund Campaign goal is to raise \$250,000 by June 30th to fund 16 education, outreach, and collections-development projects. As of May 16th, we have raised \$230,347. Only through the participation of all those individuals, companies, and foundations that cherish Kentucky's story can we ensure that KHS can continue to make connections to the past, offer perspective on the present, and provide inspiration for the future!

Jim Wallace
Executive Director,
Kentucky Historical Society Foundation





LIVE THE TRADITIONS:

The Kentucky Folklife Program

What are the rules for Dainty, a traditional street game played in German American neighborhoods in Louisville? What is the secret to the distinctive sound of Kentucky's handmade instruments? How do Kentuckians of Chinese descent incorporate their traditions into their families and communities?

Working together with individuals, communities, and organizations, the Kentucky Folklife program staff travels throughout the commonwealth helping to identify, document, and conserve living cultural traditions like these.

A joint program of the Kentucky Historical Society and the Kentucky Arts Council, the Kentucky Folklife program provides:

- Fieldwork research and documentation of Kentucky's living cultural traditions
- Professional development and Folklife curriculum for educators
- Community Scholar training programs to help Kentuckians discover, document, and present hometown traditions
- Master Apprenticeships to encourage traditional artists and craftpersons to share their talents with future generations
- Folklife grants offered through the Kentucky Arts Council, including apprenticeship, project, and performing arts on tour funding
- Food, music, dance, art, recreation, and occupation are some of the cultural traditions examined through the Kentucky Folklife Program

Recent results of the work of the Kentucky Folklife program are evident throughout the state.

In Franklin County, master musician John Harrod spends months teaching another accomplished musician the art and techniques of traditional fiddling. This Folklife Master Apprenticeship program, funded with a grant from the Kentucky Arts Council, ensures that this musical folklife tradition lives on in a new generation.

In Kenton County, the Folklife Community Scholars program helps local neighbors at the Center for Great Neighborhoods gather oral histories, archival photographs, and traditions celebrated at local festivals. Once collected, these resources are documented and plans made to present findings to the public. The resulting exhibit, *Covington Neighborhoods: Folklife and Tradition*, displayed last fall at the Kenton County Library, focuses on the food, recreational, occupational, music, and art traditions shared by six Covington neighborhoods—Austinburg, Wallace Woods, Eastside, Westside, Mainstrasse, and Latonia.

In Estill County, Kentucky Folklife specialists help local citizens research, document, and present their local mushroom traditions. Their local Mountain Mushroom Festival now draws visitors from around the nation eager to participate in demonstrations on how to identify, harvest, process, and cook local mushroom delicacies. The resulting community pride in this living tradition enhances the local economy. Now, Estill Countians are

applying their newfound folklife skills to agate hunting traditions in their community, fostering new opportunities for heritage and cultural tourism.

Teachers gathered at the Kentucky Historical Society last fall to learn how to integrate folklife into their classrooms, and prepare classroom-ready folklife activities. Educators learned how to use real-life encounters and illustrations to teach their students history, music, art, social studies, and other topics. New bridges between schools and communities and students and their elders are the result. Students encounter and learn about diverse beliefs, customs, and traditions within their community.

For more information about the Kentucky Folklife Program, visit folklife.ky.gov.

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in partnership with The Kentucky Arts Council



2007 KENTUCKY FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL



The Kentucky Folklife Festival, held in Frankfort in September 2007, was a three-day showcase of the ongoing work of the Kentucky Folklife Program. Months of fieldwork documentation, training of community scholars, curriculum development, master apprenticeships, and more were presented.

The Festival also provided on-the-spot training opportunities. Folklife community scholars helped plan the festival, learning how to develop festivals in their own towns and cities. Graduate students from the Folk Studies program of Western Kentucky University also participated.

The Kentucky Historical Society campus and the Frankfort riverfront were filled with demonstration tents and stages featuring cultural, dance, food, and musical traditions.

The 2007 festival spotlighted Kentucky immigration stories, Kentucky State University homecoming traditions, and Kentucky luthiers (stringed-instrument makers), including a special tribute to the late Homer Ledford. Rhythm and blues pop sensations and Kentucky State University alumni Midnight Star took to the main stage on Friday night, and Sam Bush was featured on Saturday night.

Among the Festival's many participants were more than 10,000 schoolchildren, teachers, and chaperones from 41 counties, who made the trek to Frankfort to experience this interactive and educational arts and cultural event.



KENTUCKY JUNIOR HISTORIANS CONVENE IN FRANKFORT

More than 500 student historians headed to Frankfort for the 46th annual Kentucky Junior Historical Society convention March 27-29, at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History and the Frankfort Convention Center. Students from every corner of the commonwealth in grades K-12 prepared projects in categories including historical exhibit, genealogical research, photography, performance, and art. Other competitions included the fast-paced Kentucky History Bowl, a quick-recall academic competition focusing on Kentucky history, a Kentucky history test, and speech.

“These students are learning an appreciation for our state’s history,” says Laura Hiniker, KJHS coordinator. “By researching a topic important to them, they are finding connections to their past.”

Friday night’s feature program was the Heritage Hoedowners, a group of KJHS club members from Carter County. The Heritage Hoedowners are composed of 18 students in grades 3-7 who perform Appalachian dance and music.

Other convention activities included hands-on activities and museum theatre presentations at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History; tours of Liberty Hall Historic Site, the Old State Capitol, the KHS HistoryMobile’s exhibit “Kentucky’s Abraham Lincoln,” and a scavenger hunt in downtown Frankfort.

Special thanks to US Bank for their continued support of KJHS and to Kentucky Secretary of State Trey Grayson for his participation.

KHS PARTICIPATES IN NORTHERN KENTUCKY HISTORY DAY

The Kentucky Historical Society, the Historical Confederation of Kentucky, Northern Kentucky heritage organizations, and Northern Kentucky University presented the 15th annual Northern Kentucky Regional History Day on Saturday, April 5, on the NKU campus in Highland Heights.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Thomas C. Mackey, professor of history at the University of Louisville, with an audiovisual presentation entitled “‘That All Mankind Should Be Free’: Abraham Lincoln and African Americans.” He discussed Lincoln’s experiences with slavery in Kentucky and his relationship with Frederick Douglass.

The Kentucky Historical Society offered attendees two presentations as part of the activities of the day. “From Bombs to Bridge Parties: Kentucky Culture Captured in Scrapbooks,” presented by Lynne Hollingsworth, KHS manuscripts archivist and curator, taught participants the history of scrapbooking and how to research Kentucky culture with a variety of historical scrapbooks from the KHS collections. During “North or South? Finding Your Civil War Ancestor,” presented by KHS *Kentucky Ancestors* editor Don Rightmyer, participants learned how to discover if any of their ancestors served in the Civil War - North or South - and if so, what they did, where they went, and what they experienced during their time in uniform during the 1860s.

Displays from 25 organizations including historical societies, museums, Civil War and genealogy groups, booksellers, the Historical Confederation of Kentucky, and the Kentucky Historical Society, showcased projects, publications, and treasures from all over the commonwealth.

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KHS NOW ACCEPTING KENTUCKY HISTORICAL HIGHWAY MARKER APPLICATIONS

Applications for the Kentucky Historical Highway Marker program are now being accepted. The fall 2008 application deadline is October 1.

The Kentucky Historical Highway Marker Program is administered by the Kentucky Historical Society in cooperation with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. It commemorates historical sites, events, and personalities, throughout the commonwealth.

Through the program, Kentucky's past is made accessible to the public as they travel along the state's roadways on markers which stimulate an interest in the history of local communities. The markers are on-the-spot history lessons that add drama and interest to the countryside for native Kentuckians as well as tourists.

The goal of the Kentucky Historical Highway Marker Program is to connect events and personalities with their place, to bring the past to life, and to increase the awareness of what we owe to those who came before us. The subjects of the more than 1900 markers in Kentucky are varied. There are markers that tell of a duel of honor, a seven-year-old boy who served as a drummer in the Revolutionary War, and the 1937 Ohio River flood. Others highlight Moonlight Schools that were established to combat illiteracy, a 1700s Dutch colony, and the first state-supported school for the hearing-impaired in the U.S.

Fifteen applications will be approved after the October 1 fall deadline. Prospective applicants can download the Kentucky Historical Highway Marker application from the Kentucky Historical Society Web site by clicking on the "Community Historians" link.

2007 Historical Highway Marker Dedications

Marker Topic	Location
Rebecca Rosenthal Judah	Jefferson County
Camp Nelson	Jessamine County
Ky. African American Civil War Memorial	Franklin County
Oliver P. Rood	Franklin County
Walnut Groves Farm	Nelson County
Boone's Station	Fayette County
Farmington	Jefferson County
Thomas D. Clark	Fayette County
Traveler's Rest	Lincoln County
Gov. Thomas E. Bramlette	Jefferson County
Ashland	Fayette County
Emily Thomas Tubman	Franklin County
Beverly Hills Supper Club Fire	Campbell County
Maddoxtown	Fayette County
Male & Female School Site	Adair County
Columbia-Union Presbyterian Church	Adair County
John Todd Stuart	Boyle County
Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church	Muhlenberg County
EK Railway- Hitchins	Carter County
Camp Swigert	Greenup County

2008 KENTUCKY HISTORY AWARDS RECOGNIZE BEST FROM AROUND THE STATE

Individuals and organizations from across the commonwealth were honored at the 2008 Kentucky History Awards Program, held March 1 at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History. Sponsored by the Kentucky Historical Society and the Historical Confederation of Kentucky, these annual awards recognize the best history achievements and projects relating to state and local history.

"This is an opportunity to recognize the hard work of those who cherish Kentucky history," says Chris Goodlet, community services coordinator. "We are pleased to honor individuals and programs that provide all of us with connections to the past, perspective on the present, and inspiration for the future."

The President's Award for Excellence for Outstanding Museum or Historical Society of the Year was given to the Alexander Hamilton Historical Society of Kentucky in Louisville. The Award of Distinction for an Individual was given to Jeannette Dean of Caldwell County. The Frank R. Levstik Professional Service Award was given to the late Ed Houlihan, director of the Lexington History museum, of Lexington.



Special Awards for support of community history presented were:

Government Award: Mayor Gale Cherry of Princeton

Media Award: Pioneer News of Shepherdsville

Business/Corporate Award: Graphic Enterprises of Prospect

Community History Award: The Community of Caldwell County

Award for Lifetime Dedication to Kentucky History: John Edward Lever Robertson Sr. of Paducah

General award categories included educational program for schools, educational program for community, volunteer group, museum exhibit, family-history publication, local or state history publication, brochure, pamphlet, or poster, exhibition, catalog, or other publication. Winners included:

Award of Merit

Museum Exhibit: Patton Museum—"When Humanity Fails"; Thomas Edison House—"Edison Bedroom Restoration"; Capital City Museum—"Capital Hotel Exhibits"

Educational Program for Public: Friends of Baker Hunt—"2007 Northern Kentucky History, Art, and Culture Lecture Series"; Lexington Philharmonic—"Kentucky Music and the Lincoln Family"; Georgetown & Scott County Museum—"Revisiting Scott County Historic Churches: A Decade Later"

Volunteer Group: Bullitt County History Museum

Audiovisual or Oral History Project: Caldwell County Historical Society—*My Kentucky Home*

Publication—Local or State History: Stefanie Buzan and Rosemary McCandless—*A View from the Top*; Francis Nash—*Historical Views of Carter County*; Frankfort Heritage Press—*Frankfort Cemetery*; Lynn S. Renau—*So Close From Home*

Publication—Web Site/Online Index: Patton Museum Foundation

Publication—Poster/Exhibit Catalog/Other: Cumberland Gap, National Park—Junior Ranger Activity Book; Fort Boonesborough State Park—Teacher Resource CD

Certificate of Commendation

Museum Exhibit: Wickliffe Mounds State Historic Site—"Sun Circle Exhibit"; Forkland Community Center—"Forkland Abraham Lincoln Museum"; Hardin County History Museum—"Lincoln Family & Friends"

Educational Program for the Public: Georgetown & Scott County Museum—"A Good Game of Marbles"; Bluegrass Heritage Museum—"Second Thursday Program"

Volunteer Group: Fort Boonesborough Foundation; Alexander Hamilton Historical Society of Kentucky

Audiovisual or Oral History Project: Mayfield High School Alumni Association—A Tour of Mayfield

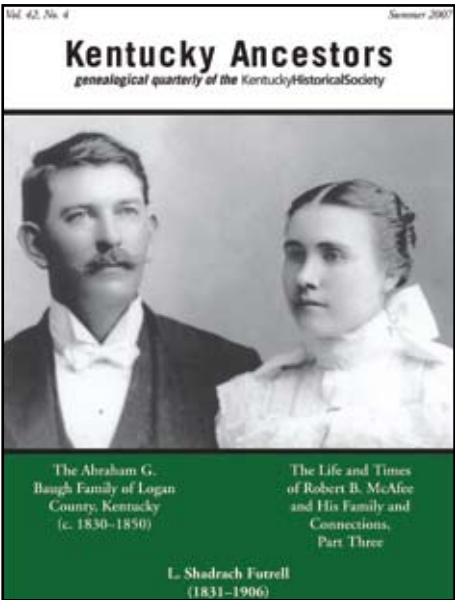
Publication—Brochure or Pamphlet: Michelle Gambill—*Downtown Hazard Walking Tour*

Publication—Local or State History: Kentucky National Guard—*60th Anniversary Celebration of Kentucky National Guard's 202nd Army Band*; Kentucky National Guard—*A Brief History of the Kentucky Air National Guard*; Kenton County Historical Society—*The Balcony is Closed*

Publication—Newsletter or Journal: Bullitt County History Museum—*Friends of Bullitt County History Museum E-Newsletter*; Bluegrass Heritage Museum—*The Bluegrass Journal*; Hardin County Historical Society—*Bits and Pieces of Hardin County History*

Publication—Web Site/Online Index: Graphic Enterprises; Bullitt County History Museum

KHS'S KENTUCKY ANCESTORS ONLINE LIBRARY NOW AVAILABLE



Now you can enjoy issues of *Kentucky Ancestors* from the comfort of your computer! The Kentucky Historical Society has made available a *Kentucky Ancestors* online library on the KHS Web site (www.history.ky.gov) and will continue to add all volumes from 39 up to the four most recent issues on a periodic basis on this page for general use. Visit www.history.ky.gov and click on the *Kentucky Ancestors* link

under "Research & Genealogy" tab on the homepage to see all volumes available on the KHS Web site.

Kentucky Ancestors, the Society's genealogical quarterly, has been preserving and promoting the history of Kentucky families since 1965. *Kentucky Ancestors* publishes genealogical research, photographs, family and government records, and other genealogical information. Features in past issues include submitted information from family Bibles, articles documenting early Kentucky families that went west, and presentations of old family photographs. The publication is one of the benefits of membership, and members may submit queries as a networking tool to learn more about their own family histories.

COMING SOON FOR MEMBERS!

The four most current issues of *Kentucky Ancestors* will soon be available in a new members-only section of the Kentucky Historical Society Web site. Each new issue will be available online as soon as it is published in this special members-only section.

For more information on how to receive *Kentucky Ancestors*, please contact the KHS membership coordinator at 502-564-1792 or email KHSmembership@ky.gov.

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June 1-3

2008 HISTORICAL CONFEDERATION OF
KENTUCKY/KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION OF
MUSEUMS ANNUAL MEETING

Elizabethtown, Kentucky

Members of the Historical Confederation of Kentucky and the Kentucky Association of Museums will gather for two days of sessions, workshops, and tours of museums and historic sites in Northern Kentucky. Registration fee required.

June 7

BOONE DAY

8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History
Frankfort, Kentucky



Join us for a celebration of membership! Enjoy a full day of activity open to the public. Visitors can enjoy a variety of children's programs, family-history demonstrations, special Museum Theatre

performances, KHS's Churchill Weavers exhibition *Magic in the Weaving: The Churchill Weavers Collection Revealed*, and other presentations. Preregistration for brunch required.

June 14

LINCOLN-HANKS WEDDING EVENT

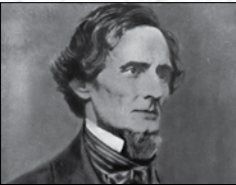
Lincoln Homestead State Park, Springfield

June 27

"THE CONTESTED LEGACY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS"

9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History
Frankfort, Kentucky



This symposium will mark the 200th anniversary of Jefferson Davis's birth in Kentucky. It will feature nationally prominent scholars who will examine Davis's legacy and contested place in

American history. It will also offer the opportunity for people who interpret the Civil War at state and regional historical sites to interact with some of these scholars and discuss how the Southern

story of the war, including slavery, can best be presented at their sites. The symposium's keynote speaker is Dr. William J. Cooper Jr., who is Boyd Professor of History at Louisiana State University and the author of *Jefferson Davis, American*. Preregistration required.

July 9

KENTUCKY HISTORY EDUCATION CONFERENCE:
ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND KENTUCKY

9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History
Frankfort, Kentucky

This year's conference focuses on strategies for teaching about Abraham Lincoln and his Kentucky connections in the classroom. Preregistration required.

August 14-24

KENTUCKY STATE FAIR

Kentucky Exposition Center, South Wing B
Louisville, Kentucky

Visit the KHS area at this year's Kentucky State Fair and commemorate the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth. *Kentucky's Abraham Lincoln*, a KHS HistoryMobile exhibit, features separate areas which explore Lincoln's Kentucky connections, his frontier childhood, his career path from log house to the White House, and his struggles to end slavery and lead the nation through the Civil War. Within the exhibit are touchable objects, images, audio clips, video, and interactive elements that appeal to a variety of learners. Visitors can also experience different periods in Lincoln's life and how each time period shaped the legacy that has followed Lincoln for the past two hundred years. Learn about Kentucky's Lincoln Heritage Trail; view a new Lincoln museums-to-go exhibit; research Lincoln's family history; participate in kid-friendly, hands-on activities; and enjoy performances on the nearby stage!

Visit www.history.ky.gov for a full listing of KHS events.

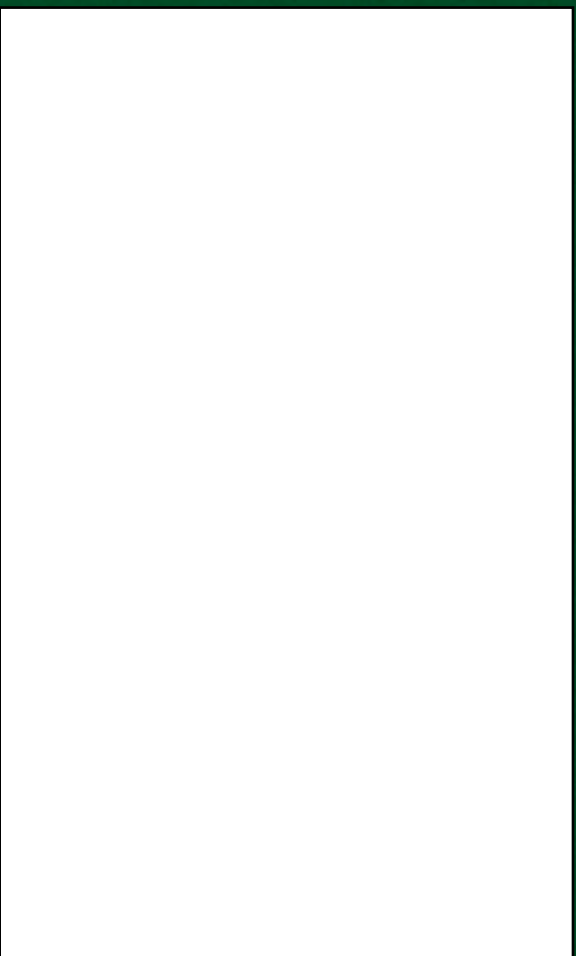
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